

I believe the proposal to require amateur radio equipment to be field repairable is not warranted. The ability to fix your equipment during an emergency situation is nice, the realism of having the correct module or part on hand is doubtful.

I've noted in several instances, adding the option of a high stability oscillator into a common current model of transceiver has shown that most hams do not have the proper equipment to verify the radio is on frequency and spurious emissions are below specified levels.

The increased cost of designing equipment, plus the warehousing of extra modules would drive the costs prohibitively high and decrease the number of amateurs that are able to afford a quality piece of equipment.

Equipment has become more compact and more feature filled over the years, undoubtedly due to customer demand. There are still kits to be had and someone with the desire to be able to repair their own equipment should look at this type equipment as reasonable alternatives.